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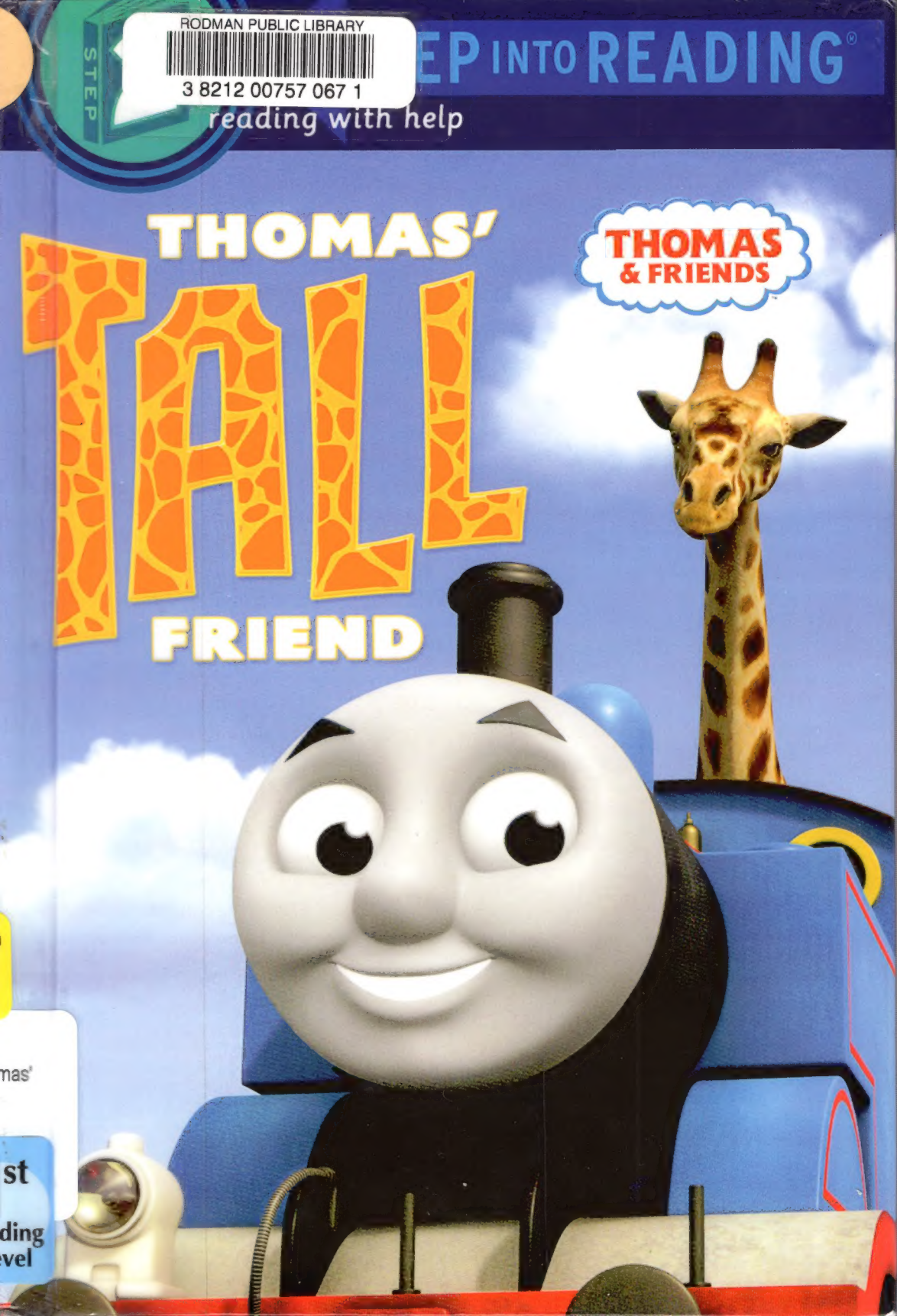

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STEP INTO READING® is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides; children will progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

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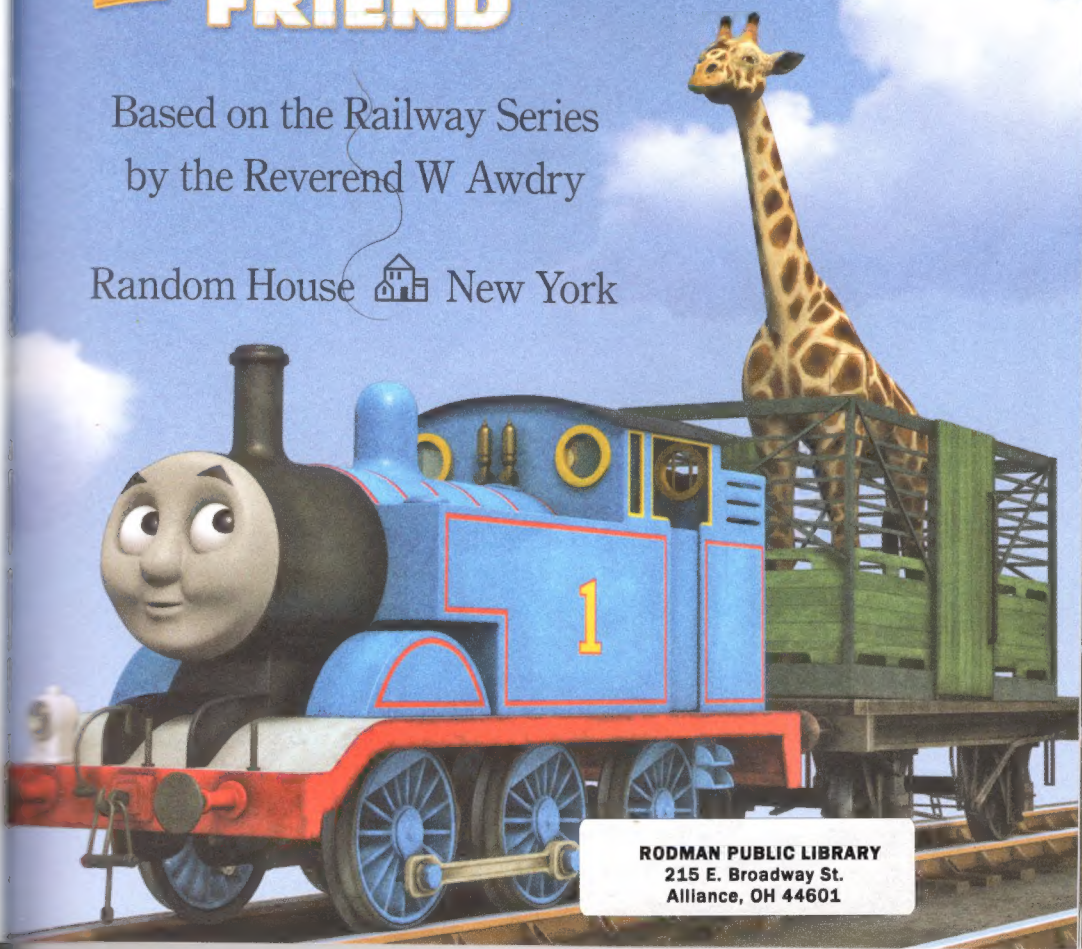

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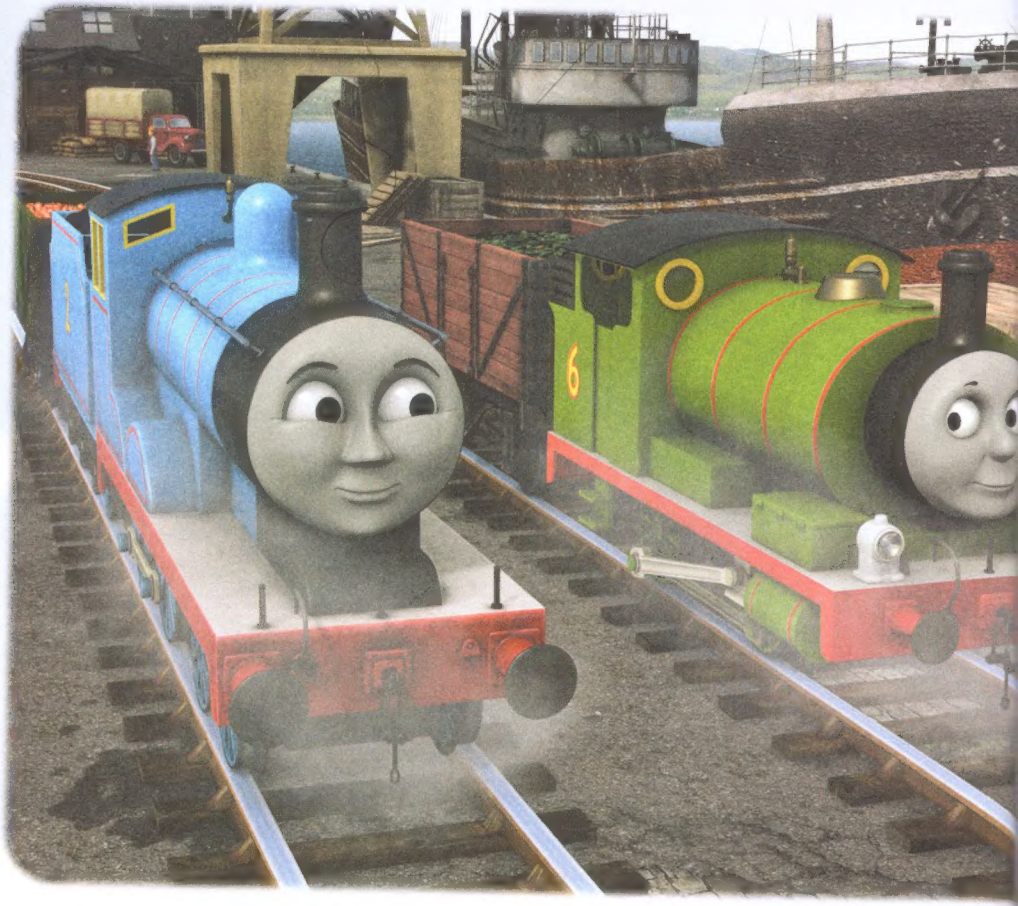
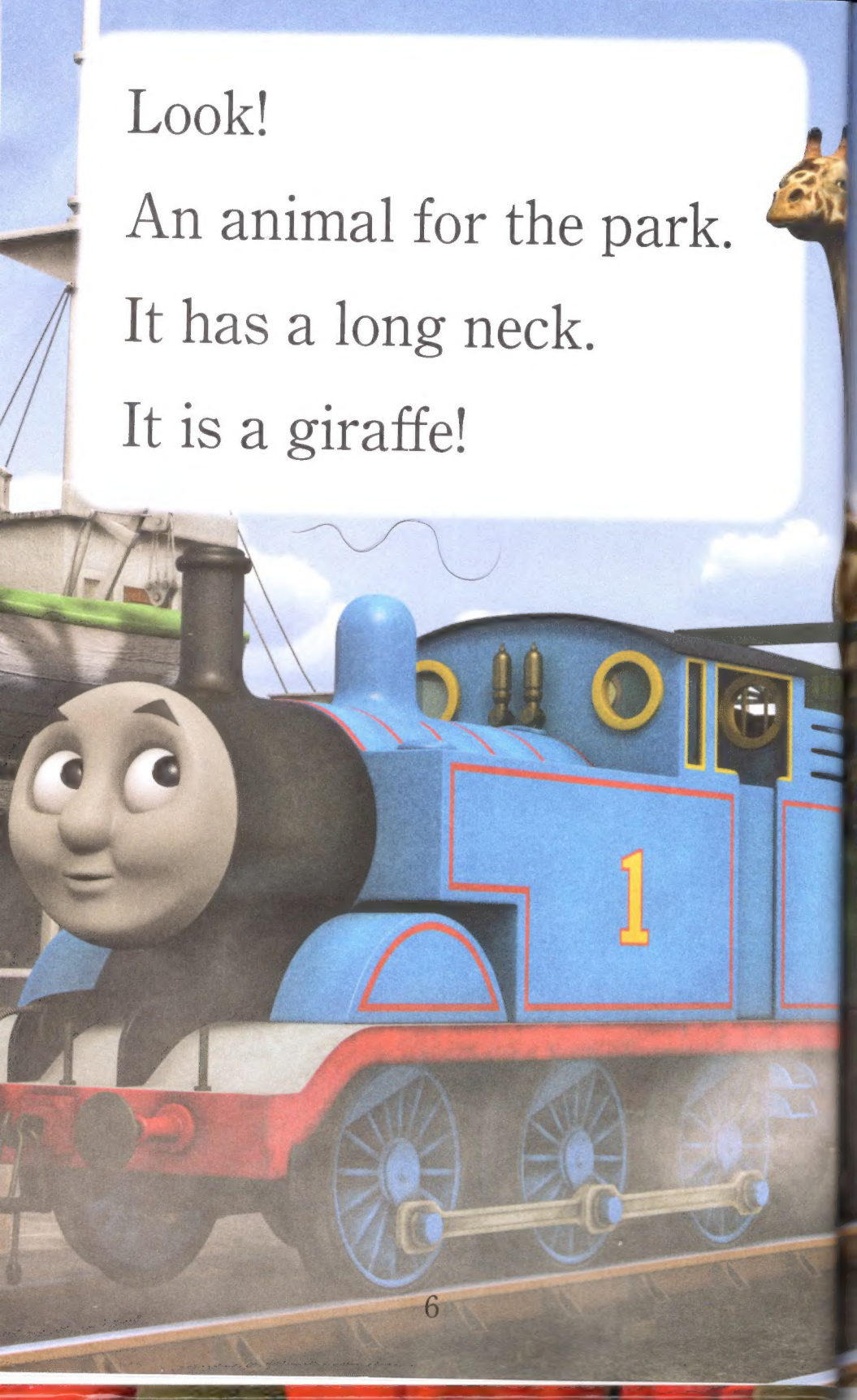
Peep! Peep!

Edward carries apples.

Percy carries leaves.



The apples and leaves
are for the animal park.
Edward and Percy
head off!


Look!
An animal for the park.
It has a long neck.
It is a giraffe!
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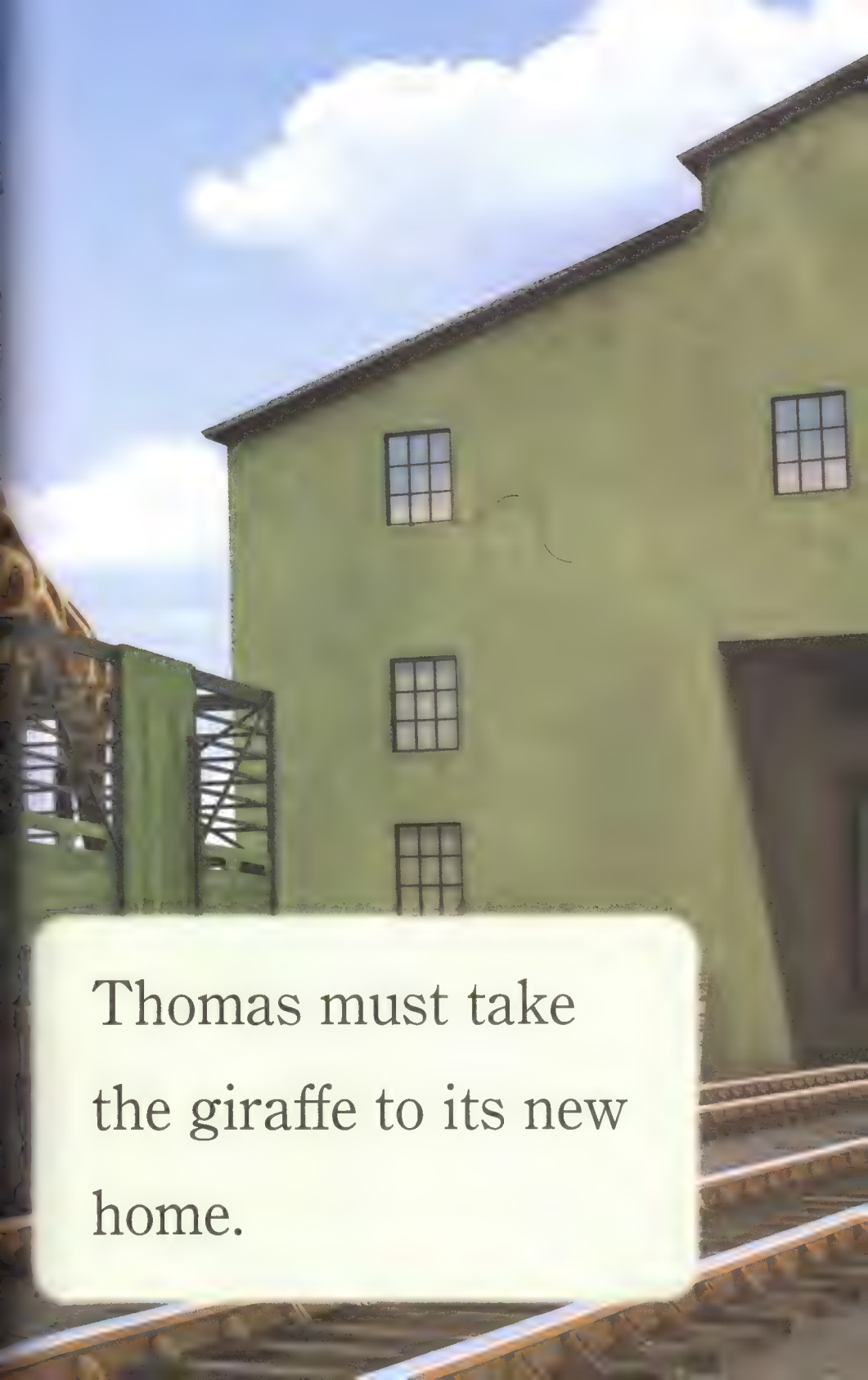


Thomas must take the giraffe to its new home.

Gordon tells
Thomas to wait
for the giraffe
keeper.
But Thomas
does not wait.
He puffs away!

Thomas tries to go under a bridge.

Oh, no!
The giraffe is too tall!
Thomas backs up.

Edward chuffs by.
Thomas wants
the giraffe to sit.

Thomas asks Edward for his apples.

The giraffe eats the apples.

But the giraffe does not sit!

Percy chuffs by.
Thomas asks Percy
for his leaves.

The giraffe

eats and eats.

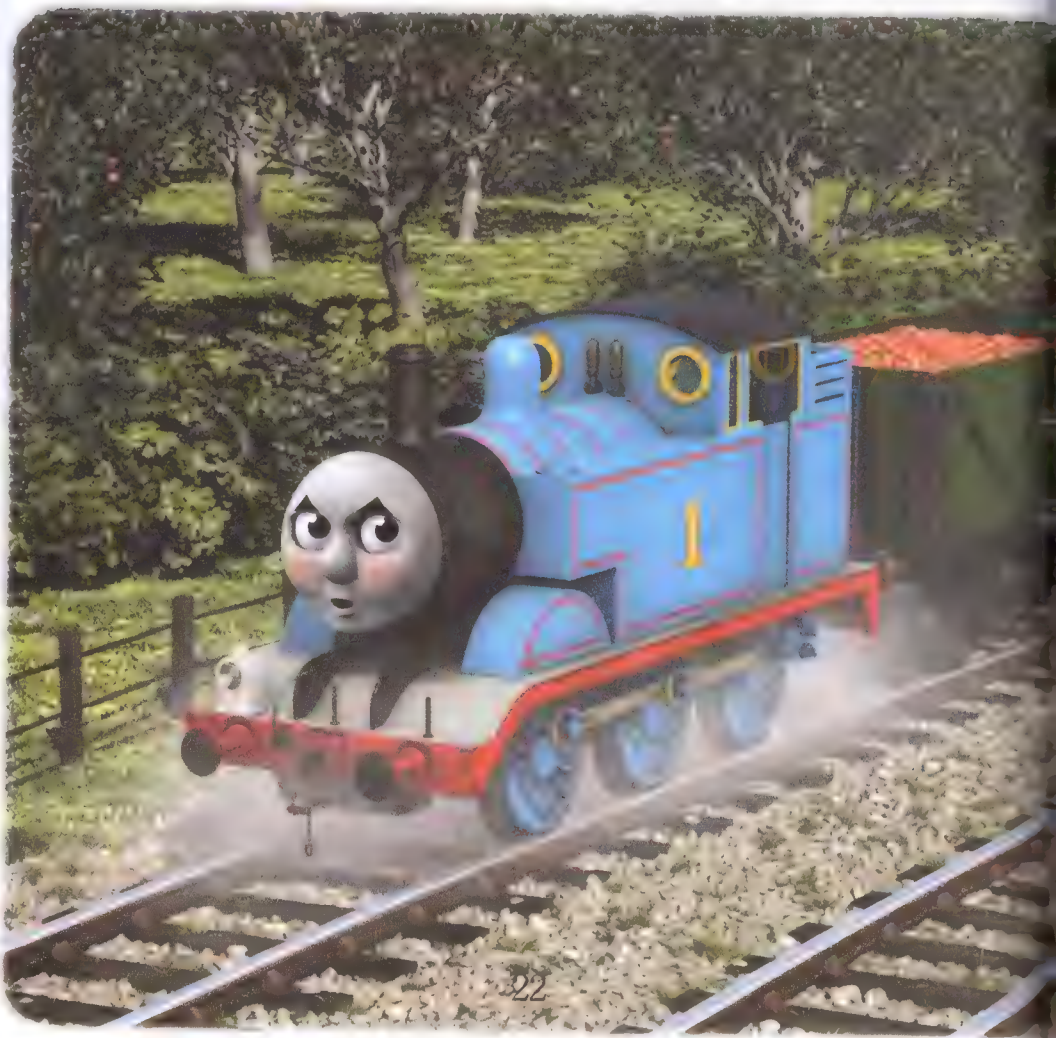
It eats all

the leaves.

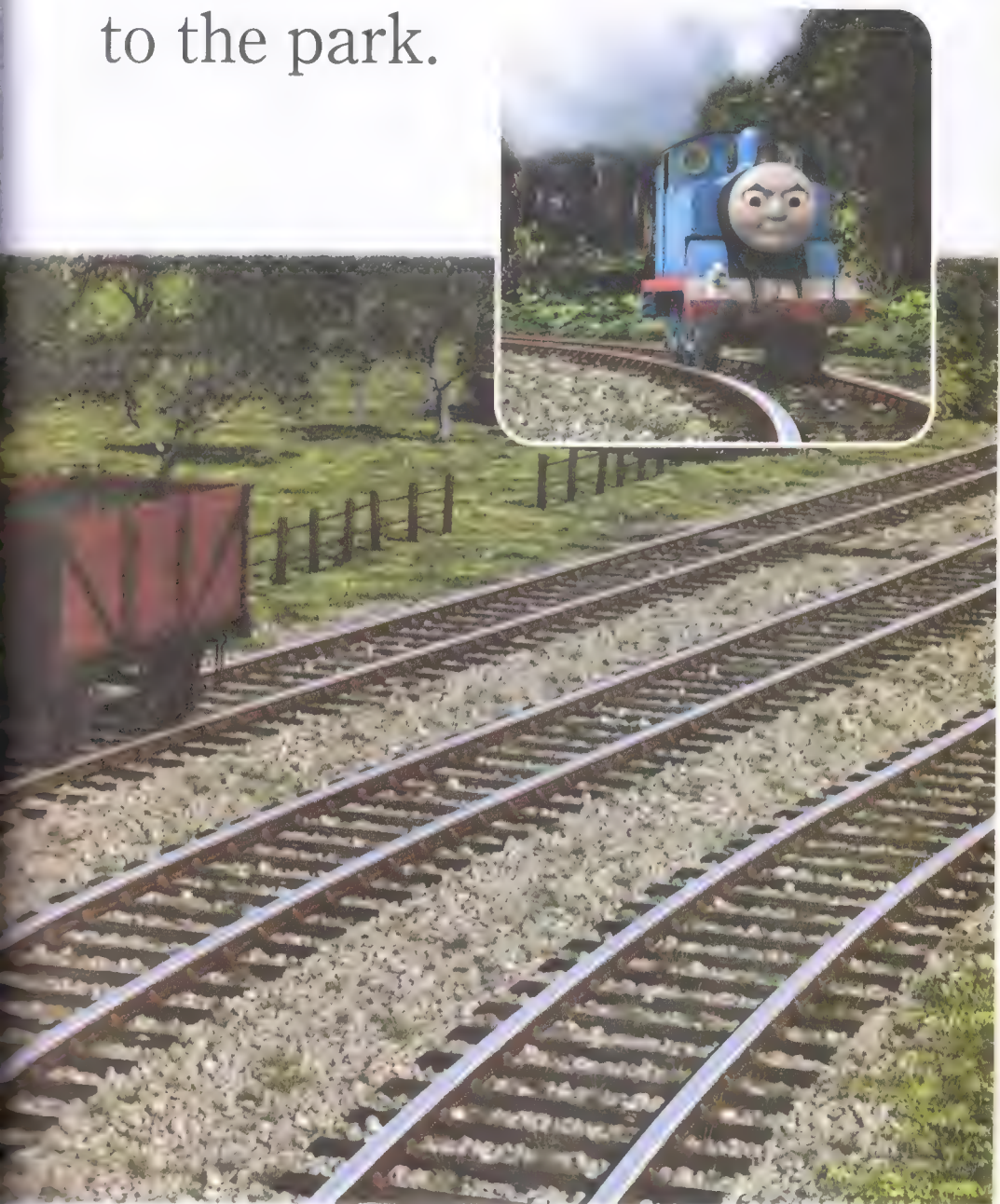
The giraffe is full.
It is sleepy. It sits!
Now the giraffe fits
under the bridge!

Thomas pulls up
to the animal park.
He has the giraffe
but no
giraffe food!
Sir Topham Hatt
is cross.

Thomas goes
to get more food.
He loads his cars
with apples and leaves.



Thomas puffs
all the way back
to the park.



The giraffe stretches
his long neck.
He gives his friend
Thomas a thank-you kiss!

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